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Application No.: 10/659,139

U.S. Patent No.: 7,039,281

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Title: **Buffer Tubes for Fiber Optic Cables**

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.81(b) TO CORRECT ASSIGNEE INFORMATION  
ON PATENT COVER PAGE AND  
REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION  
FOR PATENTEE MISTAKES (37 C.F.R. § 1.323)**

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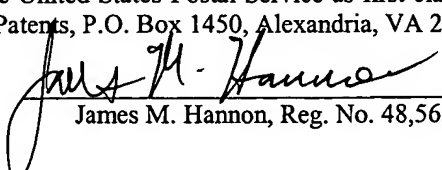
Patentee petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 3.81(b) to correct the assignee information listed in block 73 on the cover page of the issued patent. The assignee information incorrectly lists "Essex Group, Inc." as the assignee. However, Superior Essex Communications LP owns the patent. Accordingly, Patentee requests approval to correct the assignee information in block 73 on the patent's cover page as follows:

Cover Page, Block (73) Assignee, "**Essex Group, Inc.**, Ft. Wayne, IN (US)" should read **Superior Essex Communications LP, Atlanta, GA (US)**.

Patentee's attorney inadvertently failed to include the correct assignee name on the Issue Fee Transmittal, Form PTOL-85.

I hereby certify that this Petition, along with any documents indicated as being attached, is being deposited on the date shown below with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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**Remarks Regarding the Assignee Information**

Exhibit 1 attached hereto is a copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal, Form PTOL-85, filed on March 6, 2006. As shown in block 3 of that document, Patentee's attorney listed Essex Group, Inc. of Ft. Wayne, Indiana as the assignee of the patent. However, Superior Essex Communications LP owns the patent. Assignments from the inventors to Superior Telecommunications, Inc. were submitted for recordation as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 3.11 before issuance of the patent.

Inventor Christopher McNutt assigned his rights to Superior Telecommunications, Inc. The corresponding assignment document is recorded at reel/frame 014481/0400. Inventor Jeffrey H. Mumm assigned his rights to Superior Telecommunications, Inc. The corresponding assignment document is recorded at reel/frame 014481/0400. A Change of Name was filed changing the name of Superior Telecommunications, Inc. to Superior Essex Communications, Inc. The corresponding Change of Name is recorded at reel/frame 017706/0130. A Change of Name was filed changing the name of Superior Essex Communications, Inc. to Superior Essex Communications, LLC. The corresponding Change of Name is recorded at reel frame 017706/0140. A Change of Name was filed changing the name of Superior Essex Communications, LLC to Superior Essex Communications LP. The corresponding Change of Name is recorded at reel/frame 017706/0216.

Accordingly, Superior Essex Communications LP owns the patent, and Patentee requests approval to correct the assignee information listed in block 73 on the patent's cover page to identify the correct owner of the patent.

**Request for Certificate of Correction**

In Exhibit 2 attached hereto, Patentee has submitted concurrently herewith a Request for Certificate of Correction to correct the assignee information in the issued patent. Please forward the Request for Certificate of Correction to the proper branch for processing after granting this Petition to correct the assignee information.

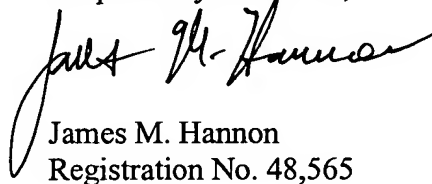
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**Conclusion**

Patentees request approval to correct the assignee information, as discussed herein. If any issues exist that can be resolved by a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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Victoria L. Wood	(Depositor's name)
<i>Victoria L. Wood</i>	(Signature)
March 6, 2006	(Date)

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/659,139	09/10/2003	Christopher W. McNutt	64671-0480	3033

TITLE OF INVENTION: BUFFER TUBES FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLES

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE

(B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY)

ESSEX GROUP, INC.

Ft. Wayne, IN

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent): ☐ Individual ☒ Corporation or other private group entity ☐ Government

4a. The following fee(s) are enclosed:

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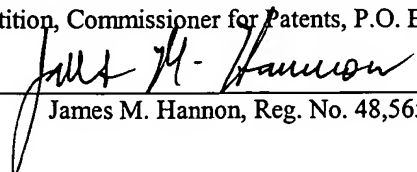
Patentee notes that errors of a typographical nature or character appear in the patent as a result of mistakes of the Patentees. The attached Form PTO-1050, in duplicate, describes the errors in detail (see Exhibit A). Patentee respectfully requests that the Commissioner issue a Certificate of Correction to correct the errors appearing in the printed patent. Correction thereof does not involve such changes in the patent that would constitute new matter or require re-examination.

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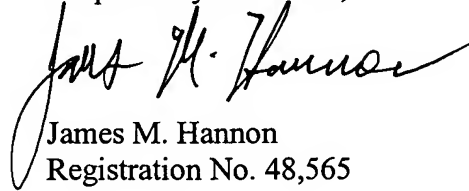
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**DATED** : May 2, 2006

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